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(b) whether they propose to open a cattle and agricultural farm there; and

(c) whether the Government have come to any decision on the question of providing irrigation facilities for those lands?

A.—(a) No. The question is under consideration.
(b) Not at present.
(c) The Government have recently approved the investigation of a scheme to provide irrigation under the Kanigiri Reservoir of the Sangam delta, for certain disafforested lands in Vavveru and other villages.

Constitution of Districts, Divisions and Taluks

Alleged memorial regarding the transfer of the Thekkalur village to the Avanashi taluk.

*888 Q.—Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the residents of Thekkalur village of Palladam taluk in the Coimbatore district have sent a memorial to the Board of Revenue that their village may be transferred to the Avanashi taluk;

(b) whether the Board of Revenue have disposed of the memorial and, if so, to what effect; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal before them regarding this matter and, if not, whether they have any objection to consider the same?

A.—(a) Yes.
(b) The matter is under the consideration of the Board of Revenue.
(c) No. The Government will consider any proposals that the Board of Revenue may submit on the subject.

Economic Condition

Report about the condition of villages in Godavari and Kistna districts.

*889 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the report referred to in the answer to my question No. 531 answered on 11th October 1928 regarding enquiries into the condition of villages in Godavari and Kistna districts, has been received; and

(b) if so, whether it will be placed on the table of the House?

A.—(a) Yes.
(b) Yes.

Floods

Damages caused at Tuni and adjacent villages by recent floods.

890 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the stream running between Tuni in East Godavari district and Payakaraopeta, flowed to a height of nearly 20 feet over the railway bridge and inundated the adjacent villages of Tuni and Payakaraopeta;

(b) whether the inundation resulted in the loss of human lives and cattle and if so, what is the extent of the loss;

(c) whether a number of houses including some upstair houses fell down and if so, how many;

(d) whether goods were washed away to the value of some thousands and if so, to what extent;

(e) whether the hospital with all the stock of medicines was washed away;

(f) whether it is a fact that some dead bodies were lying in the streets unlooked for, for some days;

(g) whether foodstuffs on account of this devastation rose very high in prices and if so, to what extent; and

(h) what measures the Government have taken to give relief?

A.—(a), (b), (c), (d) & (h) The hon. Member is referred to the report of the Collector of East Godavari, dated 9th November 1928, and the Government orders on the subject that have been placed on the table of the House [a] which contain the information in possession of the Government.

(e), (f) & (g) It is presumed the hon. Member refers to Tuni. A report has been called for on these points.

Inland Waterways

Restrictions on vessels plying in the Godavari river.

*891 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu: With reference to the answer given to question No. 548 on 12th October 1928 regarding vessels plying in the Godavari river, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Chief Engineer's report has been examined by the Government and whether orders have been passed thereon;

(b) whether any provisional arrangement has been made to prevent danger to the passenger traffic, pending final arrangements to be made by Government;

(c) whether it is a fact that the capsizing of the boats in 1927 was due mainly to their insufficient weight and tonnage; and

(d) whether the Government would, until final orders are passed with reference to the introduction of the Steam Vessels Act, consider the desirability of provisionally imposing restrictions to the effect that vessels, steam-launches of a tonnage below 20, would not be allowed to ply on the river?

A.—(a) The report is under consideration.

(b) Instructions have been issued to the District Magistrate to the effect that pending the issue of orders on the question of the measures to be adopted for the better regulation of river traffic he should take such steps as may be necessary to prevent accidents under the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code, for example, if during the monsoon season when the weather is bad, the District Magistrate considers that a steam launch

a Laid on the table on 26th November 1928.